

Darnall Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas

Department of Pathology & Area Laboratory Services



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INSTRUCTIONS

PARASITOLOGY SPECIMEN COLLECTION & ORDERING

Procedures to follow when collecting Parasitology specimens for submission to the Laboratory for examination:

1. The date and hour of collection of specimen should be recorded on the containers.
2. Requests must be in CHCS or request slip containing the Doctor's name, patient's name and SSN, test requested, and ordering clinic.
3. Giardia antigen (GSA): one specimen submitted in the Para-Pak.
4. O&P Exam: Since parasites are not regularly passed, multiple specimens are suggested. One specimen every other day for a total of 3 specimens. Para-Pak is essential.
5. Para-Pak must be delivered to the laboratory as soon as possible after collection.
6. **IMPORTANT:** if a Stool Culture is ordered along with the GSA or O&P exam; the fresh unpreserved stool in the cup must be brought to the laboratory within 1 hour after the collection.